

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
AIKEN DIVISION

Sammie Latroy Wells, Jr.,	)	Civil Action No.: 1:19-cv-02344-RBH
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<b>ORDER</b>
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Sgt. Richardson,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
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This matter is before the Court for review of the Report and Recommendation (“R & R”) of United States Magistrate Judge Shiva V. Hodges, who recommends dismissing this action with prejudice pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b).<sup>1</sup> See ECF No. 39.

The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to this Court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight, and the responsibility to make a final determination remains with this Court. See *Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261, 270–71 (1976). The Court is charged with making a de novo determination of those portions of the R & R to which specific objection is made, and the Court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation of the Magistrate Judge or recommit the matter with instructions. See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b).

Neither party has filed objections to the R & R, and the time for doing so has expired.<sup>2</sup> In the absence of objections to the R & R, the Court is not required to give any explanation for adopting the Magistrate Judge’s recommendations. See *Camby v. Davis*, 718 F.2d 198, 199–200 (4th Cir. 1983).

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<sup>1</sup> The Magistrate Judge issued the R & R in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Local Civil Rule 73.02(B)(2)(e) (D.S.C.).

<sup>2</sup> Plaintiff’s objections were due by February 3, 2020. See ECF Nos. 39 & 40. The R & R was returned as undeliverable on January 27, 2020, see ECF No. 41; and as the Magistrate Judge explains, Plaintiff was warned to advise the Clerk of Court of any address change but he has failed to do so. See ECF No. 6.

The Court reviews only for clear error in the absence of an objection. *See Diamond v. Colonial Life & Acc. Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (stating that “in the absence of a timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct de novo review, but instead must ‘only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation’” (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 advisory committee’s note)).

Having found no clear error, the Court **ADOPTS** the Magistrate Judge’s R & R [ECF No. 39] and **DISMISSES** this action *with prejudice* pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b).

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Florence, South Carolina  
February 10, 2020

s/ R. Bryan Harwell  
R. Bryan Harwell  
Chief United States District Judge